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To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. REED) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Homeless Women Vet-
5 erans and Homeless Veterans with Children Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF GRANT PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS**
2 **VETERANS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.**

3 (a) INCLUSION UNDER GRANT PROGRAM FOR HOME-
4 LESS VETERANS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS OF ENTITIES EL-
5 IGIBLE FOR COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE PROGRAM GRANTS
6 AND PER DIEM PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES TO HOMELESS
7 VETERANS.—Subsection (a) of section 2061 of title 38,
8 United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) by striking “to grant and per diem pro-
10 viders” and inserting “to entities eligible for grants
11 and per diem payments under sections 2011 and
12 2012 of this title”; and

13 (2) by striking “by those facilities and pro-
14 viders” and inserting “by those facilities and enti-
15 ties”.

16 (b) INCLUSION OF MALE HOMELESS VETERANS
17 WITH MINOR DEPENDENTS.—Subsection (b) of such sec-
18 tion is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “, including
20 women who have care of minor dependents”;

21 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “or”;

22 (3) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at
23 the end and inserting “; or”; and

24 (4) by adding at the end the following new
25 paragraph:

1 “(5) veterans who have care of minor depend-
2 ents.”.

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF PROVISION OF SERVICES TO
4 DEPENDENTS.—Such section is further amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
6 section (d); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
8 lowing new subsection (c):

9 “(c) PROVISION OF SERVICES TO DEPENDENTS.—A
10 recipient of a grant under subsection (a) may use such
11 grant to provide services directly to a dependent of a
12 homeless veteran with special needs described in sub-
13 section (b) who is under the care of such homeless veteran
14 while such homeless veteran receives services from the
15 grant recipient under this section.”.

16 **SEC. 3. GRANT PROGRAM FOR REINTEGRATION OF HOME-**
17 **LESS WOMEN VETERANS AND HOMELESS**
18 **VETERANS WITH CHILDREN.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 20 of title 38, United
20 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2021
21 the following new section:

1 **“§ 2021A. Grant program for reintegration of home-**
 2 **less women veterans and homeless vet-**
 3 **erans with children**

4 “(a) GRANTS.—Subject to the availability of appro-
 5 priations provided for such purpose, the Secretary of
 6 Labor shall award grants to eligible programs and facili-
 7 ties to provide the services described in subsection (c) to
 8 expedite the reintegration into the labor force of the fol-
 9 lowing:

10 “(1) Homeless women veterans.

11 “(2) Homeless veterans with children.

12 “(b) ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES.—An eli-
 13 gible program or facility for purposes of this section is
 14 a program or facility that provides dedicated services for
 15 homeless women veterans or homeless veterans with chil-
 16 dren.

17 “(c) SERVICES.—The services described in this sub-
 18 section are the following:

19 “(1) Job training.

20 “(2) Counseling.

21 “(3) Job placement services, including job read-
 22 iness, literacy, and skills training.

23 “(4) Child care.

24 “(d) MONITORING OF USE OF FUNDS.—The Sec-
 25 retary of Labor shall monitor and evaluate the use of
 26 amounts granted under this section. In monitoring and

1 evaluating the use of such amounts, the Secretary shall
2 collect from grantees such information as the Secretary
3 considers appropriate, including data on the results or out-
4 comes of the services provided to each homeless veteran
5 under this section.

6 “(e) ADMINISTRATION THROUGH ASSISTANT SEC-
7 RETARY FOR VETERANS’ EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.—
8 The Secretary of Labor shall carry out this section
9 through the Assistant Secretary for Veterans’ Employ-
10 ment and Training.

11 “(f) BIENNIAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Sec-
12 retary of Labor shall include as part of the report required
13 by section 2021(d) of this title an evaluation of the grant
14 program under this section. The information included in
15 such report under this subsection shall include—

16 “(1) an evaluation of services furnished to vet-
17 erans under this section; and

18 “(2) an analysis of the information collected
19 under subsection (d).

20 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—(1)
21 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
22 section \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through
23 2014.

1 “(2) The amount authorized to be appropriated by
2 paragraph (1) is in addition to any amounts authorized
3 to be appropriated by section 2021(e) of this title.

4 “(3) Funds appropriated to carry out this section
5 shall remain available until expended. Funds obligated in
6 any fiscal year to carry out this section may be expended
7 in that fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
9 at the beginning of chapter 20 of such title is amended
10 by inserting after the item relating to section 2021 the
11 following new item:

“2021A. Grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and
homeless veterans with children.”.

